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SOUTHPORT MAN CLAIMS \$731,000 "CAROLINA CASH 5" PRIZE NINE DMV WORKERS SPLIT \$600,000 POWERBALL PRIZE

RALEIGH – A Brunswick County man today claimed the top prize in "Carolina Cash 5" from the Dec. 12 drawing. John Eagles of Southport won \$731,836 by matching all five numbers. The winning numbers for that drawing: 7, 9, 33, 4, and 2. Eagles purchased his ticket at Kangaroo Express #467 on North Howe Street in Southport.

Also this week, nine N.C. Department of Motor Vehicles employees won \$600,000 in Wednesday's Powerball drawing. The winning ticket was purchased at Reedy Creek Gas & Grocery in Four Oaks. The players matched all five white balls to win \$200,000, but because they chose to Power Play, they increased their winnings to \$600,000. The multiplier for the drawing was three. That ticket is the fourth ticket worth \$600,000 sold in North Carolina since the state joined Powerball in May.

Also on Wednesday, two Powerball players matched four of the five white balls and the Powerball to win \$10,000. One of those players Power Played to increase their winnings to \$30,000. A Montgomery County woman this week claimed the top prize of \$111,157 playing "Carolina Cash 5." And in the past three days, "Carolina Pick 3" winners won a total of \$415,310. A Powerball player from a previous drawing claimed his \$10,000 prize and two instant scratch-off ticket players won \$5,000 each.

Evelyn Moore of Mount Gilead visited the lottery's headquarters this week to cash in her top prize ticket worth \$111,157 she won Monday playing "Carolina Cash 5." She purchased the ticket at C's of Mount Gilead, a store she has operated for 21 years. "My customers are going to be so excited," she said.

Winners in the December 13 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Debbie Burt	Raleigh	\$600,000	Reedy Creek Gas & Grocery
Jacqueline Watson			N.C. Highway 210, Four Oaks
Yvonne Cooley			

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Winners from December 13 Powerball continued:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Tina Thomas Tonya Carpenter Connie Thomason Joann Mack Jamila Andrade Harold Pinto			
Unknown		\$30,000	Zak's Jiffy Mart 1801 N. Raleigh St., Rocky Mount
Unknown		\$10,000	Circle K #8221 1990 Wilmington St., Jacksonville

Winner in the December 2 Powerball drawing:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u>
Doug Shuttlesworth	Jacksonville	\$10,000	Jim Dandy's # 7 501 Corbin St., Jacksonville

Instant scratch-off top tier ticket winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Frances Crosby	Jacksonville	\$5,000	"Carolina Greetings"
Patrick Jacobs	Pembroke	\$5,000	"3 Times The Money"

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